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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, ***Sign Classifications***, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- 3) Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs
- 4) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW 47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway are subject to removal by the Department of Transportation.**

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact Pat O'Leary at (360) 705-7296 or olearyp@wsdot.wa.gov.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to limit driver distraction and protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,

Washington State Department of Transportation



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RE: Political signs inside the city limits of Wenatchee

To whom it may concern,

It is election time again and this letter is to inform you of the City sign Ordinance. The City Ordinance 2007-34 as amended states:

1. Temporary political signs not exceeding 32 square feet are allowed in the North & South Wenatchee Business District, Industrial, or Neighborhood Commercial zones.
2. Signs 6 square feet or less are allowed in all other zones.
3. Signs shall be removed within 7 days of the election.
4. May not impede vehicular or pedestrian views on corners (clear view triangle).
5. Not permitted in the City Right-of-Way, on public property, or public utility poles.

I have enclosed a map depicting the size of political signs that may be installed temporarily in accordance with the Wenatchee City Code. If you would like to read the Wenatchee City Code that was adopted by ordinance, it is located at www.wenatcheewa.gov, Wenatchee City Code Chapter 10.50. Please make your campaign an equitable one and follow the City Ordinance. If you have any questions about signs *in the City of Wenatchee* please call Chris Hanson Plan Review Specialist, for further explanation if needed.

Sincerely,

Department of Community Development

Political Signs To Be Removed
One Week After Election

- 32 SF Sign Allowed
- 6 SF Sign Allowed

